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To Whom It May Concern:

As a person involved in the political process, I have donated to candidates using ActBlue. The website provides a convenient method of donating to candidates that is driven by candidate supporters instead of the traditional hierarchy of political campaigns. ActBlue distributes donations as indicated by users and has no say in directing funds. The organization is largely apolitical in that it does not advocate for specific candidates and leaves that function up to supporters. This function is very similar to that of credit card processors or online fund transfer sites like PayPal.com.

If ActBlue were to be declared a PAC, then it would
1. Serve to discourage new and legal forms of fundraising using the internet.
2. Discourage modern candidates from seeking federally matching funds.

Federal matching funds are an already underused function of the FEC. By discouraging their use, it only empowers moneyed corporate lobbying.

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